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For: **MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSOR FOR MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING  
MINIMIZED SPACING BETWEEN HARD BIAS ELEMENTS AND FREE  
MAGNETIC LAYER**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed December 9, 2005, Applicant elects Group II, claims 17-22 for further prosecution, without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments a telephone conference at the number set forth below is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 5, 2006

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